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Kennedy Expected to Name Nitze To Gilpatric's Post in Pentagon

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WASHINGTON, March 15 — President Kennedy is expected to appoint Paul H. Nitze as Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The present Deputy Secretary, Roswell L. Gilpatric, has announced that he will leave the Government within a few months to return to private law practice.

Mr. Nitze is now Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. He is expected to be succeeded by his deputy, William P. Bundy.

No basic policy changes are said to be involved in these shifts, though Mr. Nitze's appointment is understood to have been a subject of considerable debate within the Administration.

Mr. Nitze's Government experience has been oriented to international affairs and broad areas of foreign policy. He was

chief of the policy planning staff in the State Department during the last years of the Truman administration.

As deputy to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Mr. Gilpatric has held important responsibilities in the field of procurement in this country and abroad. He has been the chief negotiator in foreign purchases of arms in this country to offset United States expenditures of dollars overseas.

Mr. Gilpatric has the reputation of being a calm, moderating influence in the Pentagon where, it is said, Mr. McNamara's tough administrative policies frequently have aroused resentments among the uniformed leaders.

In considering a successor for Mr. Gilpatric, the Administration heard arguments that Mr. Nitze's relations with the uniformed chiefs also have been abrasive at times.

Thus, for some weeks Secretary of the Army Cyrus R. Vance was said to be the front-runner for the deputy's post. It is understood, however, that since Mr. Vance only recently assumed his present post, President Kennedy is now prepared to name Mr. Nitze.

The Defense Department shifts also were related indirectly to the recent changes at the State Department where Roger Hillsman has been appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

High Responsibility Level

As Deputy Defense Secretary, Mr. Nitze will hold administrative responsibility on a level with Mr. McNamara in many areas. At the Defense Department, the post of deputy has traditionally been regarded in its literal sense — that is the No. 2 is "deputized" at all times to act on behalf of the Secretary. This is said to be different from the status of the No. 2 man at the State Department whose title is Under Secretary.

Mr. Nitze, 56 years old, is a former investment banker who made a substantial fortune by the time he was 32 years old. With his income secure, he turned to Government service in which he has held various positions intermittently since 1940. During the Eisenhower administration, he was Presi-



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dent of the Foreign Service Educational Foundation.

Mr. Bundy, 45-year-old son-in-law of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and brother of McGeorge Bundy, President Kennedy's special assistant for national security, was for many years an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1953 Mr. Bundy came under attack by the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy but was defended by his superior, Allen W. Dulles, then director of the C.I.A. Mr. Bundy, a lawyer, was staff director of former President Eisenhower's Commission on National Goals and a member of the United States delegation to the Foreign Ministers Conference in Geneva in 1959.

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